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> Appeal No. 2000-0370 Application No. 08/964,518

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

Appellants filed an Appeal Brief on July 8, 1999 (Paper No. 12). A review of the file reveals that the Appeal Brief does not comply with section 1206(9) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (Rev. 1, Feb. 2000) which states "[t]he copy of the claims required in the brief Appendix by 37 CFR § 1.192(c)(9) should be a clean copy and should not include any brackets or underlining as required by 37 CFR § 1.121(a)(2)."

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for proper filing of an Appendix to the Appeal Brief Appeal No. 2000-0370 Application No. 08/964,518

filed on July 8, 1999 (Paper No. 12) and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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